

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 22 and 23 U.S.C. 102(b) and claims 1-14, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). These rejections are fully traversed below.

Claims 15-19 have been allowed if placed in independent form.

Claims 1, 4, 9, 15, 17 and 19 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 22 and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 24-30 have been added. Thus, claims 1, 4-21 and 24-30 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102 & 103

Claims 22 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kim* (6,243,819).

The rejection is moot since the claims have been cancelled to expedite the prosecution of the case.

Claims 1-6 and 8-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jung* (6,496,361) in view of *Kim* (6,118,653).

Claim 1 (and its dependents)

In contrast to both references, claim 1 (and its dependents) specifically requires, "...the latch being configured to move relative to the lid, the movement including a pivot and at least one of a swivel and a translation. Neither reference teaches multiple movements and further a combination of pivot and swivel or a combination of a pivot and a translation. For support, see for example Fig. 1 and description paragraph 0022 of the present invention. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Claim 9 (and its dependents)

In order to expedite prosecution, claim 9 has been amended to include allowable subject matter (see below).

Although the rejections to the dependent claims 4-6, 8, 10-14, 16-18, 20 and 21 should be withdrawn for at least the reasons as above, it should be noted that they offer additional language that is unsupported by the art. For example, none of the references teach or suggest a detachable latch that includes a data capture device as required by claim 4.

Claims 7, 20-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jung* (6,496,361) in view of *Kim* (6,118,653) and further in view of *Homer* (6,788,529).

Homer does not overcome the deficiencies of *Jung* and *Kim*. None of these references teach the limitations of the independent claims from which these claims depend. Furthermore, none of the references teach or suggest, "...wherein the latch includes one or more indicators..." as required by claim 7 or "...the latch contains a camera and a symbol illumination system ..." as required by claim 21.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed dependent claim 16. Allowed dependent claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 9. Allowed dependent claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 9. Claims 9, 15 and 19 (and their dependents) are therefore allowable as the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

SUMMARY

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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